

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:	Everett, et al.	)	
Serial No:	09/431,546	)	Art Unit: 1635
Filed:	October 29, 1999	)	Examiner: McGarry, Sean
For:	Peptides with Enhanced Stability to Protease Degradation	)	

## RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed in connection with the above-identified application on May 21, 2004, and the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on September 10, 2004, the claims have been amended as shown below in the claim listing.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.